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2000, which claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application
No. 11-097852, filed April 5, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 9, lines 2-3, change "any one of claims 5 to
7" to --claim 5--.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended above to make
reference to parent International Application No.
PCT/JP00/02171 (filed April 4, 2000) and Japanese Patent
Application No. 11-097852 (filed April 5, 1999), from which
International Application No. PCT/JP00/02171 claims benefit.

Claim 9 has been amended to place the claim in
proper multiply-dependent form. Claims 1-9 are pending in
this application.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue
of the present application are respectfully requested.

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